Land Acquisition for Reliance Energy in UP

2870. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the agitation by farmers in Bhajera Khurd village in Ghaziabad (UP) whose lands were acquired by the UP Government under the Land Acquisition act and was handed over to Reliance Energy for their 3500 MW Dadri Power Plant;

(b) whether it is a fact that lands can be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act only for the public development projects and not for private commercial purpose; and

(c) if so, what steps were taken by the Union Government to intervene and ensure that the farmers and villagers get actual market price for their land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Banarasi Saree Industry on verge of destruction

†2871. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Banarasi Saree industry spread in many parts of the country is on the verge of destruction today due to readymade cheap goods imported from China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the main reason for this is that Chinese Government provide its manufacturers and exporters many facilities such as subsidy, cheap electricity, exemption from export duty etc; and these facilities are not available to Indian exporters;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the main reasons for this is imposition of anti-dumping duty on silk yarn instead of on imported readymade goods by Government while Banarasi silk industry is totally dependent on imported Chinese yarn; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.